



SUN DEVIL

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

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ASU BEACH VOLLEYBALL NOTES

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2024 Sun Devil Beach VB Schedule

All matches listed in Arizona Time

Date	Opponent	TV	Time/Result
<u>Tampa Invitational</u>			
Feb. 23	vs. #12 Georgia State		W, 3-2
	at Tampa		W, 4-1
Feb. 24	vs. #17 South Carolina		W, 4-1
	vs. #11 Florida Atlantic		W, 3-2
<u>Sun Devil Invitational</u>			
Mar. 1	Colorado Mesa		W, 5-0
Mar. 2	Texas A&M-Kingsville		W, 5-0
<u>Pac-12 South Tournament</u>			
Mar. 8	UCLA*	Pac-12 Network	10 a.m.
	Stanford*	Pac-12 Network	6 p.m.
Mar. 10	California*	Pac-12 Network	10 a.m.
	Arizona*	Pac-12 Network	4 p.m.
<u>LBSU Tournament</u>			
Mar. 15	vs. Pepperdine		12 p.m.
	at Long Beach State		2 p.m.
Mar. 16	vs. CSUN		11 a.m.
	vs. Texas		12:15 p.m.
<u>Fight in the Fort</u>			
Mar. 22	vs. Florida Gulf Coast		6 a.m.
	vs. Washington*		4 p.m.
Mar. 23	vs. Florida International		8 a.m.
	at TCU		12:30 p.m.
<u>Lopes Invitational</u>			
Mar. 30	vs. Stetson		10 a.m.
	at Grand Canyon		2 p.m.
<u>Pac-12 North Tournament</u>			
Apr. 5	vs. USC*		10:15 a.m.
	at Washington*		2 p.m.
Apr. 6	vs. Utah*		11:30 a.m.
	vs. Oregon*		1 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Arizona*		3 p.m.
Apr. 19	Ottawa	ASU Live Stream	TBD
Apr. 24-26	Pac-12 Championship		TBD

* - indicates Pac-12 Conference contest
Home games in **BOLD**

Dual Overview

GAMES

7-10

Pac-12 South Tournament

Tempe, Ariz.
Sun Devil Beach VB Facility
March 8-10

Team Overviews

SUN DEVILS	6-0 Record	10 Rank	Kristen Rohr Head Coach	
BRUINS	8-3 Record	1 Rank	Jenny Johnson Jordan Head Coach	
CARDINAL	7-1 Record	2 Rank	Andrew Fuller Head Coach	
BEARS	6-2 Record	7 Rank	Meagan Owusu Head Coach	
WILDCATS	7-0 Record	19 Rank	Steve Walker Head Coach	

Previous Lineup

- 1) Daniella Kensinger & Anya Pemberton
- 2) Arden Besecker & Ava Williamson
- 3) Taryn Ames & Lexi Sweeney
- 4) Ava Haughy & Kendall Whitmarsh
- 5) Adriana Nieves Papaleo & Carys Thomas

Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Notes

National Rankings

AVCA Coaches Poll

March 5

Rank	Team	Record
1.	<i>UCLA*</i>	8-3
2.	<i>Stanford*</i>	7-1
3.	<i>USC*</i>	8-2
4.	Florida State	7-0
5.	LMU	5-4
6.	TCU	7-1
7.	<i>Cal*</i>	6-2
8.	LSU	8-1
9.	<i>Long Beach State</i>	4-2
10.	<i>Arizona State</i>	6-0
11.	Hawai'i	0-5
12.	Cal Poly	6-2
13.	<i>FIU</i>	9-0
14.	<i>Washington*</i>	3-5
15.	<i>FAU</i>	6-2
16.	<i>Georgia State</i>	5-3
17.	<i>Grand Canyon</i>	4-4
18.	<i>Stetson</i>	6-2
19.	<i>Arizona*</i>	7-0
20.	<i>Tampa</i>	3-5

Others receiving votes: TAMUCC, Tulane, South Carolina, Boise State, North Alabama

Italicized indicates 2024 opponents

*Pac-12 opponents

RECORD WATCH

Individual Wins (Career)

1. Katelyn Carballo (2017-21).....	67-61
...	
6. Ellyson Lundberg (2017-20).....	55-42
7. Kate Baldwin (2018-20).....	50-25
8. <i>Lexi Sweeney (2020-now)</i>	46-46
<i>Taryn Ames (2021-now)</i>	46-30
10. Sarah Water (2020-23).....	43-40
Katie Cross (2017-19).....	43-38
12. Oluoma Okaro (2017, 19).....	42-19
13. <i>Kate Fitzgerald (2021-now)</i>	32-36

Stellar Start

The perfect start continued over the weekend as the Sand Devils hosted the Sun Devil Invitational, sweeping both Colorado Mesa and Texas A&M-Kingsville. The wins extended the best start in program history and tied for the longest winning streak the team has seen.

Pac-12 South

The Sand Devils have a tough weekend ahead, facing four ranked teams. In the all-time series, Arizona State trails against all four.

This weekend is the first of two big conference events held in Tempe this season. ASU hosts the Pac-12 South Tournament this weekend and will host the Pac-12 Championships at the end of April.

In the Rankings

The Sand Devils are ranked No. 10 in the AVCA Coaches Poll, tied for the highest rank ASU has received in program history. It ties a No. 10 ranking in 2017.

Undefeated Duo

Sophomores Adriana Nieves Papaleo and Kendall Whitmarsh are 6-0 on the year. They have paired together in all but one dual, but even when not paired together they came away victorious.

Familiar Faces

There are 11 Sand Devils returning to the team for the 2024 season. There are three seniors in Kate Fitzgerald, Ivey Weber and Taryn Ames, in addition to graduate Lexi Sweeney. Sweeney was named to the All-Pac-12 Second Team, making her the first Sand Devil to earn a conference honor since 2021. All of them played the majority of last season, with Ames leading the team in wins in 2023 with a 14-9 record.

Other returners who were key starters last season are sophomores Adriana Nieves Papaleo and Carys Thomas and juniors Anya Pemberton and Rylie Kael. Sophomore Kendall Whitmarsh played in five duals her freshman season.

The other returning players on the roster are sophomore Ava Lewison-German and junior Lillie Seymour.

New Faces

Five transfers and five freshmen are on the 2024 roster. The transfers are junior Samaya Morin (GCU), sophomore Arden Besecker (FSU), sophomore Daniella Kensinger (Saint Mary's),

junior Ava Kirunchyk (USC) and redshirt-freshman Hayden Huber (TCU).

Annalyse Askew, Ava Haughey, Elsa Snipes, Ava Williamson and Deanie Woodruff all join the team in their first year of college beach volleyball. Williamson played at the AVCA Fall Pairs Championships with Kensinger.

New Coach, New Era

After eight seasons at Grand Canyon, Kristen Rohr made the switch across the Valley to ASU, replacing former head coach Brad Keenan. After the opening weekend this season, she surpassed 150 career wins. She led the Lopes to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2022 and 2023 and holds a 148-71 (.676) record as a head coach, all with the Lopes. Rohr was picked by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) as the 2022 Collegiate Beach Coach of the Year after leading GCU to its first-ever NCAA Championship appearance in 2022.

2024 Schedule Outlook

This season, the Sand Devils will be home more than ever before with three tournaments and seven days that the team will be playing at the Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Facility. Additionally, the Maroon and Gold Scrimmage is on February 17 at the facility, free to the public to get the first chance to see the 2024 squad.

The schedule is packed with some of the top teams around the country, including defending national champion USC. There are 11 opponents on the slate that made the 2023 NCAA Tournament and 15 teams finished ranked in the AVCA Coaches Poll. In the preseason poll, there are 14 teams of the top 20 on the schedule.

Last Season

In 2023, the Sand Devils earned an 11-13 record, 6-5 in Pac-12 play. During the year, Arizona State had two win streaks of three. Of the six Pac-12 wins, which are the most ASU has had, two came against Utah, two against Oregon and two against Arizona.

The highlight of the season was the team sweeping the regular season series against Arizona for the first time since 2014. Not only did the Sun Devils win both teams while the Wildcats were ranked, but ASU came back down 2-0 in both duals to win 3-2.

Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Notes

QUICK FACTS

Location..... Tempe, Ariz.
 Founded..... 1885
 Enrollment 144,800
 Nickname Sun Devils
 School Colors Maroon and Gold
 Affiliation..... NCAA Division I
 Conference Pac-12
 Facility..... Sun Devil Beach VB Facility
 Facility Capacity 200
 President Dr. Michael Crow
 Interim Vice President of Athletics Dr. James Rund
 Faculty Representative.. Christina Wombacher
 Head Athletic Trainer Ken McCarty
 Sr. Associate AD..... Graham Rossini
 Athletic Dept. Phone..... 480-965-4382
 Ticket Office Phone 480-727-0000

TEAM INFORMATION

Arena.. Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Facility
 Conference Pac-12
 All-Time Record 122-128 (.488)
 2023 Final Rank RV
 First year of beach volleyball 2014
 NCAA appearances/Last..... 0/N/A
 All-Americans..... 0

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Kristen Rohr
 Alma materKentucky '05
 Years at ASU First season
 Assistant CoachPaul Araiza
 Assistant Coach Abbie Hughes

2023 RECAP

Record.....11-13
 Pac-12 Record..... 6-5
 Final ranking RV

2023 TROPHY CASE

All-Pac-12 Lexi Sweeney (2nd)
 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll 9

TEAM INFORMATION

Letterwinners Returning/Lost 11/8
 Newcomers.....10

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ROSTER

#	Name	Height	Year	Hometown (High School/Last School)
1	Anya Pemberton	6-0	Jr.	Kelowna, BC, Canada (Kelowna Secondary)
2	Lillie Seymour	6-0	Jr.	Ocean, N.C. (Croatan HS)
3	Carys Thomas	5-11	So.	Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)
4	Annalyse Askew	5-9	Fr.	Wilmington, N.C. (Eugene Ashley HS)
5	Lexi Sweeney	5-11	Gr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Arcadia HS)
6	Ivey Weber	5-9	Sr.	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown HS)
7	Ava Lewison-German	5-9	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry HS)
8	Kate Fitzgerald	5-11	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral HS)
9	Rylie Kael	5-10	Jr.	Brentwood, Tenn. (Brentwood HS)
10	Kendall Whitmarsh	5-9	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines HS)
11	Elsa Snipes	5-8	Fr.	San Anselmo, Calif. (Archie Williams HS)
12	Arden Besecker	5-10	So.	Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS/Florida State)
13	Ava Kirunchyk	5-8	R-So.	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Redondo Union HS/USC)
15	Ava Haughy	6-0	Fr.	San Ramon, Calif. (San Ramon Valley HS)
16	Ava Williamson	5-11	Fr.	Dripping Springs, Texas (Dripping Springs HS)
19	Deanie Woodruff	5-11	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (Point Loma HS)
24	Samaya Morin	6-0	Jr.	Lake Stevens, Wash. (Lake Stevens HS/GCU)
25	Hayden Huber	5-9	R-Fr.	Erie, Colo. (Silver Creek HS/TCU)
28	Taryn Ames	5-8	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista HS)
31	Adriana Nieves Papaleo	5-7	So.	Caguas, Puerto Rico (Colegio Católico Notre Dame)
95	Daniella Kensinger	5-9	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Venice HS/Saint Mary's)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Taryn Ames (TAIR-in aims)	Anya Pemberton (ANN-yuh)
Katie Blomberg (BLAHM-berg)	Ivey Weber (WEB-er)
Rylie Kael (like kale)	Paul Arazia (uh-RYE-zuh)
Jensen Kaelin (KAY-lin)	
Maria Kowal (muh-REE-uh KOH-wall)	
Ava Lewison- German (like the language)	
Adriana Nieves Papaleo (AH-dree-aw-nuh nee-AY-vays pa-PA-lay-oh)	

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class

Freshman 6
 Sophomore.....7
 Junior 4
 Senior.....3
 Graduate 1

By Geography

Arizona 3
 California.....7
 Colorado..... 1
 North Carolina 2
 Tennessee 1
 Texas.....4
 Washington 1

Canada..... 1
 Puerto Rico 1

Returning Letterwinners

Taryn Ames
 Kate Fitzgerald
 Rylie Kael
 Ava Lewison-German
 Adriana Nieves Papaleo
 Anya Pemberton
 Lillie Seymour
 Lexi Sweeney
 Carys Thomas
 Ivey Weber
 Kendall Whitmarsh

Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Notes



KRISTEN ROHR

Head Coach

Record at ASU..... 0-0
Overall HC record..... 154-71
Hometown..... Venice, Fla.
Education..... Kentucky

Year	W	L	%
2024	6	0	1.000
Total	6	0	1.000

- Kristen Rohr was hired as the third head coach in program history on June 2, 2023.
- Rohr spent eight seasons at Grand Canyon University, leading the team to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2022 and 2023.
- Rohr was picked by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) as the 2022 Collegiate Beach Coach of the Year after leading GCU to its first-ever NCAA Championship appearance in 2022.
- The GCU beach volleyball program went from being unranked in 2015 to a top-15 team in Rohr's second season as head coach in 2017. She led the Lopes to three-straight top-10 rankings to finish the seasons from 2021-23. In her eight seasons, she led the team to three top-10 finishes, two top 15 and one top 20.
- Rohr has coached six AVCA All-Americans and four AVCA Top Flight pairs (two in 2022, 2021, 2019). She led the Lopes to 41 wins over ranked opponents in her tenure. Additionally, from 2020-23, GCU was 50-0 against unranked opponents. In 2022 and 2023, the Lopes finished with a program-best 26 wins each season.
- From 2007-2015, Rohr competed professionally in beach volleyball, ranking as high as fifth in the country. She began her career with the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) and spent years on the National Volleyball League tour.
- Additionally, Rohr was head coach of Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota, Fla., for five seasons. She co-founded the Coastline Volleyball Club team for high school athletes and served as its director and coach.
- Rohr graduated from Kentucky in 2005 with a degree in family consumer science. During her collegiate career, she was a four-year starter for the Wildcats and was named All-SEC and team MVP. She received her master's degree in counselor education from Capella University in 2011.
- Prior to college, Rohr competed at Venice (Fla.) High School, leading the team to a state championship and being selected as MVP during her junior and senior years.
- Rohr and her husband Daniel reside in the Valley.



PAUL ARAIZA

Assistant Coach

Hometown..... San Diego
Education... San Diego State

- Paul Araiza came to Tempe in the fall of 2020.
- He came to ASU after a season with Cal's beach volleyball team as the volunteer assistant coach.
- Prior to his time with the Bears, he was part of the UC Berkeley beach volleyball coaching staff and spent time working with various top beach volleyball clubs in California.
- He also coached indoor volleyball teams at the high school level, winning three state championships in four years at Cathedral Catholic High School with the women's team and then moved to the men's indoor team to win two CIF titles.
- He also won a state title in his first season with Point Loma High School's indoor women's team.
- Competed on the AVP Tour from 2005-18, recording three top-10 finishes in his career. His best finish was seventh place in 2016 at the Seattle Open.
- He played on San Diego State's club team, where he was selected to the all-tournament team in both 2004 and 2005.
- He graduated with a degree in psychology. He played at Grossmont College for two years before transferring to SDSU.



ABBIE HUGHES

Assistant Coach

Hometown..... Mason, Ohio
Education..... Grand Canyon

- Abbie Hughes joined Sun Devil Beach Volleyball in July 2023.
- In the coaching sphere, Hughes had coached for Rob Long at Ohio Valley Beach/P1440. She also ran the developmental summer program for the club that consisted of over 100 players.
- Hughes has experience playing beach volleyball in college. She played the 2022-23 seasons at Grand Canyon, where Rohr was the head coach.
- In 2023, she played on the top court all year, earning a 16-4 record. She earned AVCA All-American honors for her first time. For the pair's efforts, they won the AVCA Top Flight award, one of 12 in the nation.
- With strong work in the classroom as well, she was a CSC Academic All-American.
- Prior to GCU, Hughes played at Florida International for three years, both indoor and beach volleyball.
- Hughes has a bachelor's degree in psychology and is currently pursuing a master's degree. Her parents are John and Christie and she has one younger brother, Jake.

Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Notes

ASU'S RECORD WHEN...

OVERALL

Home	2-0
Away	1-0
Neutral	3-0

BY DAY

Sunday	0-0
Monday	0-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	3-0
Saturday	3-0

BY MONTH

February	4-0
March	2-0
April	0-0

OPPONENTS

Ranked	3-0
Unranked	3-0

LAST TIME THE SUN DEVILS...

Beat a top-20 team..... 2/24/24 vs. #11 FAU (N)

Beat a top-10 team..... 4/25/19 vs. #10 Cal (N)

Won 5-0 3/2/24 vs. TAMUK (H)

Won 4-1..... 2/24/24 vs. South Carolina (N)

Won 3-2 2/24/24 vs. FAU (N)

Lost 2-3..... 4/15/23 vs. GCU (N)

Lost 1-4 4/8/23 vs. Cal (N)

Lost 0-5 4/7/23 vs. USC (N)

CAREER AWARDS

Daniella Kensinger

2023 All-WCC Second Team

2023 All-WCC Freshman Team

Samaya Morin

2023 AVCA Top Flight (No. 2)

Lexi Sweeney

2023 All-Pac-12 Second Team

2022 Pac-12 All-Tournament Team

2023 PAIRS RECORDS

Player	Overall	1	2	3	4	5	Streak	Last10
Ames, Taryn/Sweeney, Lexi	5-1	---	---	5-1	---	---	W 1	5-1
Kirunchyk, Ava/Haughy, Ava	2-2	---	---	---	2-2	---	L 1	2-2
Kael, Rylie/Haughy, Ava	1-0	---	---	---	1-0	---	W 1	1-0
Pemberton, Anya/Kensinger, Daniella	4-2	4-2	---	---	---	---	L 1	4-2
Whitmarsh, Kendall/Nieves Papaleo, Adriana	5-0	---	---	---	---	5-0	W 5	5-0
Whitmarsh, Kendall/Haughy, Ava	1-0	---	---	---	1-0	---	W 1	1-0
Thomas, Carys/Nieves Papaleo, Adriana	1-0	---	---	---	---	1-0	W 1	1-0
Besecker, Arden/Williamson, Ava	5-1	---	5-1	---	---	---	W 3	5-1
Totals	24-6	4-2	5-1	5-1	4-2	6-0		
Percentage	.800	.667	.833	.833	.667	1.000		

2023 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Player	Overall	1	2	3	4	5
Ames, Taryn	5-1	---	---	5-1	---	---
Besecker, Arden	5-1	---	5-1	---	---	---
Haughy, Ava	4-2	---	---	---	4-2	---
Kael, Rylie	1-0	---	---	---	1-0	---
Kensinger, Daniella	4-2	4-2	---	---	---	---
Kirunchyk, Ava	2-2	---	---	---	2-2	---
Nieves Papaleo, Adriana	6-0	---	---	---	---	6-0
Pemberton, Anya	4-2	4-2	---	---	---	---
Sweeney, Lexi	5-1	---	---	5-1	---	---
Thomas, Carys	1-0	---	---	---	---	1-0
Whitmarsh, Kendall	6-0	---	---	---	1-0	5-0
Williamson, Ava	5-1	---	5-1	---	---	---
Totals	24-6	4-2	5-1	5-1	4-2	6-0
Percentage	.800	.667	.833	.833	.667	1.000

Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Notes

2024 LINEUPS BY DUAL

Date	Opponent	1	2	3	4	5
2/23	vs. Georgia State	Kensinger/Pemberton	Besecker/Williamson	Ames/Sweeney	Haughy/Kirunchyk	Nieves Papaleo/Whitmarsh
2/23	at Tampa	Kensinger/Pemberton	Besecker/Williamson	Ames/Sweeney	Haughy/Kirunchyk	Nieves Papaleo/Whitmarsh
2/24	vs. South Carolina	Kensinger/Pemberton	Besecker/Williamson	Ames/Sweeney	Haughy/Kirunchyk	Nieves Papaleo/Whitmarsh
2/24	vs. FAU	Kensinger/Pemberton	Besecker/Williamson	Ames/Sweeney	Haughy/Kirunchyk	Nieves Papaleo/Whitmarsh
3/1	Colorado Mesa	Kensinger/Pemberton	Besecker/Williamson	Ames/Sweeney	Haughy/Kael	Nieves Papaleo/Whitmarsh
3/2	Texas A&M Kingsville	Kensinger/Pemberton	Besecker/Williamson	Ames/Sweeney	Haughy/Whitmarsh	Nieves Papaleo/Thomas
3/8	UCLA					
3/8	Stanford					
3/10	Cal					
3/10	Arizona					
3/15	vs. Pepperdine					
3/15	vs. Long Beach					
3/16	vs. CSUN					
3/16	vs. Texas					
3/22	vs. FGCU					
3/22	vs. Washington					
3/23	vs. FIU					
3/23	at TCU					
3/30	vs. Stetson					
3/30	at GCU					
4/5	vs. USC					
4/5	vs. Washington					
4/6	vs. Utah					
4/6	vs. Oregon					
4/18	at Arizona					
4/19	Ottawa					

Bold = Home

Maroon = clinch (win)

Blue = clinch (loss)



Junior | 6-0
Kelowna, BC, Canada
Kelowna Secondary
Major: Neuroscience

1 ANYA PEMBERTON

Year	W	L
2024	4	2
2023	4	15
2022	8	24
Total	16	41

2023 (Sophomore):

- Played in 19 duals primarily at the No. 2 spot, earning a 4-15 record.

2022 (Freshman):

- Played in every dual this season, earning eight wins playing all but one at the No. 2 spot. Paired with Rylie Kael to start and finished the second half of the season with Lila Bordis.

Before ASU

- Took first place with fellow Sand Devil Rylie Kael at the p1440 Southwest Championship
- Won a BC D1 Provincial Championship in beach
- Selected to the 2019 Team Canada 17U Youth National Team selection camp

Personal

- Her mom is Tera and she has a brother named Noah.



Junior | 6-0
Ocean, N.C.
Croatan HS
Major: Business (Law)

2 LILLIE SEYMOUR

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
2023	0	0
2022	0	0
Total	0	0

2023 & 2022 (Sophomore & Freshman):

- Did not play.

Before ASU

- Played indoor volleyball for Croatan HS as an outside hitter.

Personal

- Her parents are David and Jennifer. She also has a younger sister named Emma.



Sophomore | 5-11
Southlake, Texas
Carroll HS
Major: Business

3 CARYS THOMAS

Year	W	L
2024	1	0
2023	13	10
Total	14	10

2023 (Freshman):

- Finished the season with a 13-10 record, the second-highest win total on the team. She played between the No. 3-5 spots, ending the season on court three with Rylie Kael.
- Had four wins over pairs from ranked teams, including two against Arizona.

Before ASU:

- Played for MadSand Volleyball Club.
- AAU Open Nationals Championships 5th place (2020)
- AAU Junior Olympics silver medalist (2018)
- AAU Open Nationals Championships silver medalist (2017)

Personal:

- Her parents are Mason and Amy Thomas. Her twin sister Mabyn is playing beach volleyball for USC. She also has an older brother Dylan.



Freshman | 5-9
Wilmington, N.C.
Eugene Ashley HS
Major: Business

4 ANNALYSE ASKEEW

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
Total	0	0

Before ASU:

- Played club for Sinjin Volleyball.
- First Team MEC All-Conference 4A.
- First Team All-Area Star News Varsity.

Personal:

- Her parents are Broden and Lynnette and she has one older sister, Julianna. Her parents both played sports at the University of Mount Olive, her dad playing baseball and her mom playing both volleyball and basketball. Her sister is currently playing indoor volleyball at East Carolina and previously played indoor and beach volleyball at North Florida.



Graduate | 5-11
Phoenix, Ariz.
Arcadia HS
Major: Innovation and Venture Development

5 LEXI SWEENEY

Year	W	L
2024	5	1
2023	11	13
2022	13	17
2021	11	11
2020	6	4
Total	46	46

2023 (Senior):

- Named to the All-Pac-12 Second Team, the first Sand Devil since 2021 to earn conference honors.
- Played in every dual at the No. 1 spot with Kylie Wickley, earning 11 wins.
- Had four wins over pairs from ranked teams.

2022 (Junior):

- Played in every team dual at the No. 1 spot with Cierra Flood, earning 13 wins.
- Named to the 2022 Pac-12 All-Tournament Team with Flood.

2021 (Sophomore):

- Finished the season with an 11-11 record, tied for the second-most on the team. Teamed up with Katelyn Carballo at the No. 1 spot in every dual.
- Had three wins over pairs from ranked teams.

2020 (Freshman):

- Led the team in wins in the abbreviated season with six.

Before ASU:

- Played club with RPM.

Personal:

- Her full name is Alexia. Her parents are Frank and Denise. Her father played football at Northern Illinois University. She has two younger brothers, Ryan and Zach.



Senior | 5-9
Georgetown, Texas
Georgetown HS
Major: Health Sciences

6 IVEY WEBER

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
2023	4	18
2022	0	1
2021	0	0
Total	4	19

2023 (Junior):

- Finished the season with a 4-18 record, playing almost every dual on court two.

2022 (Sophomore):

- Made collegiate debut against Park University on court two.

2021 (Freshman):

- Did not compete.

Before ASU:

- Played with Texas Volleyball Tour for beach volleyball.
- Named one of the top 25 beach players in Texas.
- Made the 2017 A2 Zonal Junior Beach Training Team roster for USA Volleyball.

Personal:

- Parents are Mark and Jennifer, and has four older siblings: Madison, Gus, Lulu and Miguel. Her father Mark played football at the University of Texas and her brother played college



Sophomore | 5-9
San Diego, Calif.
Patrick Henry HS
Major: Biomedical Sciences
Minor: Spanish

7 AVA LEWISON-GERMAN

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
2023	0	0
Total	0	0

2023 (Freshman):

- Did not play.

Before ASU

- Played club for Wave Volleyball

Personal

- Her parents are Robert German and Rebecca Lewison. She is part of Barrett, The Honors College at ASU and hopes to pursue a career in applied conservation science research.



Senior | 5-11
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Chaparral HS
Major: Biological Sciences
Minor: Business

8 KATE FITZGERALD

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
2023	9	11
2022	17	13
2021	6	13
Total	32	37

2023 (Junior):

- Finished the season with a 9-11 record, playing primarily in the No. 5 spot.

2022 (Sophomore):

- Led the team in total wins with 17, playing in the No. 4 spot all season. First paired with Taryn Ames and then with Kylie Wickley in the back half of the season.

2021 (Freshman):

- Finished the season with a 6-13 record, playing at every spot in the lineup aside from the top court. Teamed up with Taryn Ames for 10 matches and Emily Anderson for nine.

Before ASU:

- Played club for RPM Sand.

Personal:

- Her parents are Bobby and Shelley. She has two younger siblings, Connor and Carter. She hopes to become a nurse practitioner in the future. Founder of VBAmerica, a volleyball lifestyle apparel brand.



Junior | 5-10
Brentwood, Tenn.
Brentwood HS
Major: Supply Chain Management

9 RYLIE KAEI

Year	W	L
2024	1	0
2023	9	13
2022	9	22
Total	19	35

2023 (Sophomore):

- Finished the season with a 9-13 record, playing on every court but No. 1 throughout the season. She saw the most time at the No. 5 spot but wrapped up the year playing at No. 3.

2022 (Freshman):

- Played in the majority of the team duals at the No. 2 and 3 spots, earning nine wins. Paired with Anya Pemberton and Sarah Waters throughout the season.

Before ASU

- Took first place with fellow Sand Devil Rylie Kael at the p1440 Southwest Championship.
- 2020 AVCA Phenom List.
- Helped Brentwood HS to a state championship.

Personal

- Her parents are Ross and Michelle and she has three siblings: Logan, Kai and Lennox.



Sophomore | 5-9
San Diego, Calif.
Torrey Pines HS
Major: Communication

10 KENDALL WHITMARSH

Year	W	L
2024	6	0
2023	2	3
Total	8	3

2023 (Freshman):

- Played in five duals, earning a 2-3 record.

Before ASU

- Played club for Wave Beach Volleyball
- Won first place at the 2021 AAU Hermosa tournament, earning a bid to the Jr Olympics and best of the beach tournament.

Personal

- Her mom is Cindy Whitmarsh-Sweeney and her step-father is Mark Sweeney, who played 14 years in the MLB. Her older sister Jaden played beach volleyball for UCLA. Her late father Mike Whitmarsh played professional beach volleyball for 15 years, accumulating 28 wins on the AVP tour and was inducted into the CBVA Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame. He won the silver medal in the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta. He also played basketball at the University of San Diego before he was drafted by the Portland Trail Blazers in 1984.



Freshman | 5-8
San Anselmo, Calif.
Archie Williams HS
Major: Political Science

11 ELSA SNIPES

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
Total	0	0

Before ASU:

- Took second at the 2022/23 BVCA Orange County Club Challenge.
- Has experience playing with fellow freshman Ava Haughy at the 2022 BVCA National Championships.
- Played for Golden Gate Beach Volleyball Club.

Personal:

- Her parents are Mara and Richard. She has a younger sister Sadie, who also plays volleyball. Her mother ran the 800 and 1,500 for the University of Michigan track team. Her dad has played indoor and beach club volleyball in addition to coaching.



Sophomore | 5-10
Austin, Texas
Lake Travis HS/Florida State
Major: Business (Law)

12 ARDEN BESECKER

Year	W	L
2024	5	1
2023*	0	0
Total	5	1

*at FSU

2023 (Freshman):

- A member of Florida State's 2023 NCAA Tournament team which advanced to the semifinals of the national championship.

Before ASU

- Won 52 beach events at U14, U16, and U18 divisions.
- In 2019, 2020 and 2021, was a High School 6A First Team All-District outside hitter and 6A Region IV 26 District Champion.
- Placed top-10 11 times, five of which were top five, at the Beach National Championships including AAU, BVCA, USAV, HP, AVP, and P1440.
- Placed third at 2020 U18 P1440 National Championship.
- Named P1440 Fab Fifty in 2021.

Personal

- Her parents are Sherri and Michael and she has two younger sisters named Camden and Lynden. Her dad played college volleyball at Slippery Rock University.



R-Sophomore | 5-8
Redondo Beach, Calif.
Redondo Union HS/USC
Major: Global Health

13 AVA KIRUNCHYK

Year	W	L
2024	2	2
2023*	0	0
2022*	0	0
Total	2	2

*at USC

2023 (Sophomore):

- Part of USC's national championship team.

2022 (Freshman):

- Part of USC's national championship team.

Before ASU

- Attended Redondo Union High School where she played indoor and beach volleyball, starting on varsity all four years.
- Helped her team become CIF D1 Southern Section Champions.
- Played for SCVC for indoor and Elite BVC for beach.
- Placed first in the ISF Qualifier #1 and #2 in 2019.
- Named ISF World Champion in 2019.

Personal

- Her parents are Mark and Liane Kirunchyk and she is an only child. Her father Mark played on the AVP Tour, placing 25th twice.



Freshman | 6-0
San Ramon, Calif.
San Ramon Valley HS
Major: Business (Sports Business)

15 AVA HAUGHY

Year	W	L
2024	4	2
Total	4	2

Before ASU:

- Played for Golden Gate Beach Volleyball Club.
- Took first place at the 2021 Monterey Beach Open Championships.
- Finished in first place twice at the AVP Nationals Qualifier in Santa Barbara in 2022.
- Qualified and finished ninth at AAU Junior Olympics 2022.
- Has experience playing with fellow freshman Elsa Snipes at the 2022 BVCA National Championships.
- Played for Golden Gate Beach Volleyball Club.

Personal:

- Her parents are Jeff and Abby. She has two older siblings, Alex and Kyle. Her brother Kyle is currently playing basketball at Diablo Valley College.



Freshman | 5-11
Dripping Springs, Texas
Dripping Springs HS
Major: Business

16 AVA WILLIAMSON

Year	W	L
2024	5	1
Total	5	1

Before ASU:

- Played club for Texas Volleyball Team (TVT).
- Played indoor volleyball as a right side hitter for Dripping Springs High School.
- Named to First Team All-District in her junior year and second team her sophomore year.
- First Team All-District in academics her sophomore and junior year.
- A dual-sport athlete, she is the school record holder in the high jump and qualified for state in that event.

Personal:

- Her parents are John and Donna. She has two siblings, Audrey and Scott. Her dad played basketball at UTSA and Baylor. Her sister Audrey currently runs track at Baylor.



Freshman | 5-11
San Diego, Calif.
Point Loma HS
Major: Microbiology

19 DEANIE WOODRUFF

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
Total	0	0

Before ASU:

- Played club for Wave Beach Volleyball.
- At Point Loma High School, she has played both indoor and beach volleyball.
- She was named to the 2021 and 2022 JVA National Beach Watch List.
- She is CBVA AA rated after taking first place in the 2022 Long Beach Women's A tournament.
- She has 14 CBVA first-place finishes.

Personal:

- Her parents are Michael and Kimberly and she has one younger brother, Drew.



Junior | 6-0
Lake Stevens, Wash.
Lake Stevens HS/GCU
Major: Medical Studies

24 SAMAYA MORIN

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
2023*	26	5
2022*	23	9
Total	49	14

*at GCU

2023 (Sophomore):

- At GCU, she was named to the 2023 AVCA Top Flight Award in the No. 2 spot, where she earned a 19-1 record on the year, including an NCAA Tournament win.

2022 (Freshman):

- At GCU, she compiled a 23-9 record and earned 10 wins over opponents from ranked teams.

Before ASU

- Played four years of indoor volleyball at Lake Stephens High School, as well as one year of basketball.
- She earned all-conference first team honors in 2018 and 2019, as well as being a first team all-state selection in 2019.
- Named the 2019 Wesco and Everett Herald All-Area Player of the Year.
- She was a 2019 Gatorade Player of the Year nominee.

Personal

- Her parents are Daniel and Nicole and she has one older brother, Brooks.



R-Freshman | 5-9
Erie, Colo.
Silver Creek HS/TCU
Major: Sports Business

25 HAYDEN HUBER

Year	W	L
2024	0	0
2023*	0	0
Total	0	0

*at TCU

2023 (Freshman):

- Redshirted her freshman year at TCU, when the Horned Frogs advanced to the semifinals at the 2023 NCAA Tournament.

High School

- Earned all-conference honors for indoor volleyball at Silver Creek High School.
- Named to the 2016 A1 USA Beach Volleyball Training Team.
- An honor roll student.

Personal

- Her parents are Heather and Chris, and she has four siblings: Liam, Addyson, Tatum and Holland. Her mom played volleyball at Texas Tech and Incarnate Word. Her brother Liam is currently playing football at Colorado State and her sister Addyson played volleyball at Memphis and Northern Texas.



Senior | 5-8
Phoenix, Ariz.
Desert Vista HS
Major: Marketing & Business

28 TARYN AMES

Year	W	L
2024	5	1
2023	14	9
2022	16	11
2021	11	9
Total	46	30

2023 (Junior):

- Played in every dual this season, leading the team with a 14-9 record alongside Sarah Waters. Rotated between courts 2-4, playing the most in the No. 3 spot.

2022 (Sophomore):

- Played in all but one dual this season, earning a 16-11 record, which was the second-highest win total.
- Paired with both Kate Fitzgerald and Maddy Salazar, playing at the No. 4 and 5 spots throughout the season.

2021 (Freshman):

- Finished the season with an 11-9 record, tied for the second-most wins on the roster. Played primarily at the No. 5 spot.

Before ASU:

- Played club for RPM Sand.
- Led Desert Vista to its first beach volleyball state title in 2019, playing at the ones spot.

Personal:

- Her parents are Jeff and Janet, and she has two older brothers: Preston and Griffin. Her father Jeff played college basketball, her oldest brother Preston played professional hockey in Europe, and her older brother Griffin played hockey at Boise State.



Sophomore | 5-7
Caguas, Puerto Rico
Colegio Católico Notre Dame
Major: Industrial Engineering

31 ADRIANA NIEVES PAPALEO

Year	W	L
2024	6	0
2023	13	8
Total	19	8

2023 (Freshman):

- Finished the year with a 13-8 record, the second-best on the team. Played between the No. 4 and 5 spots.
- Had four wins over pairs from ranked teams.

Before ASU:

- Played club volleyball for Borinquen Coquí (indoor) and PUR Beach Volley School (beach).
- Member of the Fab 50 program 2022.

Personal:

- Her parents are Carlos and Vanessa and she has two siblings, Carlos and Daniela. Her dad played beach volleyball and won a gold and bronze medal at world championships in his career. Her mom played professional indoor volleyball after playing for Ball State for two seasons and University of Puerto Rico for her last two seasons. She also has an uncle who played indoor volleyball at Indiana Purdue University at Fort Wayne and was an All-American. He played beach as well and was rookie of the year in the AVP. He represented Puerto Rico in beach volleyball at the 2004 Olympics.



Sophomore | 5-9
Los Angeles, Calif.
Venice HS/Saint Mary's
Major: Computer Syst Egr

95 DANIELLA KENSINGER

Year	W	L
2024	4	2
2023*	0	0
Total	4	2

*at Saint Mary's

2023 (Freshman):

- Had an impressive freshman year with Saint Mary's, going 21-13 to lead the team.
- Named to the WCC All-Second Team and All-Freshman Team.

Before ASU:

- Played indoor at Venice High School.
- Racked up the stats as a senior, where she posted 327 kills, 244 digs, 64 aces and 30 blocks for Venice
- Named the Player of the Year for CIF-LA and the Western League during the 2021 season, part of several high school honors
- Named First Team All-Western League twice, and added another First Team All-CIF-LA to her resume in 2020.

Personal:

- Her parents are Irina and Cliff and she has a twin brother named Thomas and a little brother named Lawrence. Her dad played football at Cal Poly SLO, and her twin brother plays football at Air Force.

Sun Devil Beach Volleyball Notes



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